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TAGS: ODES, TH (ROSS, CLAUDIA)

SUBJ: PRESS INTEREST IN CLAUDIA ROSS CASE

REF : STATE 071756

1. POLICE CONTINUE TO INTERVIEW SUSPECTS AND SIFT EVIDENCE IN CLAUDIA ROSS CASE. AS YOU WILL HAVE NOTED FROM PRESS ACCOUNTS, HIGH-RANKING POLICE OFFICIALS HAVE VOWED EVERY EFFORT TO SOLVE THIS CRIME. NO BIG BREAKS HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED SO FAR. FYI ONLY, WE ARE TOLD BY ROSS'S COLLEAGUES AT BANGKOK POST THAT INTERVIEWS WITH FORMER FRIENDS ARE PROCEEDING AT SNAILS PACE AND THAT NO FIRM LEADS SEEM ESTABLISHED YET.

2. EMBASSY'S ROLE IN THE CASE HAS BEEN CONFINED TO CONSULAR FUNCTIONS, INCLUDING WORKING WITH POLICE TO CARE FOR REMAINS, MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH FAMILY IN U.S. AND FRIENDS HERE REGARDING FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS, AND TRYING TO SAFEGUARD EFFECTS. IN ADDITION, PRESS ATTACHE ASSISTS VISITING REPORTERS ON THE STORY AND MAINTAINS CONTACT WITH SOME OF ROSS'S JOURNALIST FRIENDS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

3. FYI, THE VERNACULAR PRESS HAS PROPOSED SEVERAL LURID THEORIES ABOUT THE MURDER, INCLUDING SUCH THINGS AS JEALOUS LOVERS, CIA CONSPIRACY, AND CHILDREN OF GOD.

4. WE ARE TELLING THOSE WHO ASK THAT THE INVESTIGATION IS IN THE HANDS OF THE THAI POLICE, WHO HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR DETERMINATION TO

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SOLVE THE CRIME. ALTHOUGH WE WILL GLADLY ASSIST WHERE OUR HELP IS

REQUIRED, THERE IS LITTLE WE CAN DO AT THIS POINT. WE ARE IN TOUCH  
WITH CLAUDIA'S FAMILY IN THE U.S. AND WITH HER FRIENDS AT THE BANGKOK  
POST, WHO HAVE OFFERED TO ARRANGE FOR CREMATION AND A CHRISTIAN  
RELIGIOUS SERVICE IN BANGKOK BEFORE THE CREMATED REMAINS ARE SENT TO  
THE U.S.  
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